THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'

MILLENNIAL STAR.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."—AMOS 8: 11-12.

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PRESIDENT SNOW'S BIRTHDAY.

ON Wednesday, April 3rd, President Lorenzo Snow reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was born at Mantua, Portage County, Ohio, April 3, 1814. He is of Puritan descent. He received an academic education at Ravenna, Ohio, and when twenty-one years of age entered Oberlin College, and was intending to obtain the further advantages offered in an eastern college, when he became acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith at Kirtland, in 1836, and embracing the Gospel entered upon the ministry, in which he has been actively engaged ever since.

This meeting with the Prophet of the nineneenth century was a crisis in his earthly career. His tastes were military. He was commissioned by the Governor of Ohio as a lieutenant in the State militia. He doubtless would have figured prominently in his country's history as a military leader, if Providence had not turned the tide of his aspirations and eminent abilities in a more peaceful and sacred direction. He was predestined for the apostolic life and marked for a leader in the theological field, and on the practical lines of a religion that enters into all the duties of man, whether temporal or spiritual.

As an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints he traveled "without purse or scrip," enduring the hardships and vicissitudes attending that arduous work, and passed through all the persecutions and drivings of the Saints in early times. Visitors who compliment him on his well-preserved appearance, express the opinion that he must have taken great care of himself during all these years of his earthly existence. They little know the toils, travels and privations he endured in those early

times, and the trying experiences through which he has passed until a very recent period.

In 1840 Elder Snow went on a mission to England, and aided in the establishment of the Church in that country. He presided over the London Conference, was a counselor to the President of the Mission, and published his well-known pamphlet, "The Only Way to be Saved," which has been the means of bringing many people into the Church, having been translated into several languages. He returned to this country, reaching Nauvoo in the spring of 1843, in charge of a company of about 250 emigrating Saints.

He was active in ministerial and educational work at Nauvoo, and was a captain in the Nauvoo Legion. He was in the vanguard of the companies that left Nauvoo after the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph and the Patriarch Hyrum. He came to Utah in 1848, leading a train of a hundred wagons. He was ordained an Apostle on February 12, 1849, and in October of that year went on a mission to Italy, where he published the Book of Mormon and other works in the Italian language, and sent missionaries to other lands. He was prominent in building up this Territory, was elected to the Legislature in 1852, and served at every session until 1882, being for many years the President of the Council.

In 1855 he founded Brigham City, where he built up a most successful co-operative system, which employed a large number of people who prospered greatly in many branches of industry. In 1864 he went on a mission to the Sandwich Islands, and was, to all appearances, drowned while approaching the island of Maui in a boat which was upset, but was revived through the faith and efforts of his friends. In 1872 he made his famous trip to Palestine with President George A. Smith and others, particulars of which are given in "The Palestine Tourist," in the preparation of which his sister, Eliza R. Snow, Zion's poetess, assisted. He was principal of the High School in Salt Lake City, and the head of the Polysophical association, which he organized.

President Snow was a victim of the "segregation" scheme, by which he was sentenced to three terms of imprisonment of six months, and a fine of $300 dollars each indictment, for living with his wives, and was discharged on *habeas corpus* by the Supreme Court of the United States, after he had been incarcerated nearly two terms, the second being declared flagrantly illegal.

He was sustained as President of the Twelve Apostles in April, 1889. The Saints will remember his leading the "Hosannas" at the laying of the capstone, and also the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. He presided at the dedication of the Manti Temple in 1888. He has been the President of the Salt Lake Temple from its dedication until now, and the late anniversary gathering in his honor at the Bee Hive house, was arranged by the Temple workers, who hold him in reverence and affection. He became President of the Church September 13, 1898, and was sustained in that position by the General Conference in October of that year.

We have mentioned these few incidents in the remarkable career of our venerable leader, to emphasize the marvel of his present vigor and activity, mental and physical, when eighty-seven years of age, after the strain of

his wonderful life and labors. Though of a highly refined and spiritual nature, he is eminently practical in his mind and methods, masters the details of the many business affairs that come before him as President of the Church throughout all the world, and directs in the numerous companies and associations that have been organized for the temporal advancement of his people, with a clearness of perception and a decision which gives evidence of his power to preside.

All Israel will rejoice with us in the continued presence and influence of President Lorenzo Snow, to guide the Church and give to the people the mind and will of the Lord. We congratulate them on this great boon, and him on reaching this advanced stage on the journey of life. May his erect form still preserve its strength and dignity, his acute brain its force and clearness, and his inspirational spirit that susceptibility to divine ininfluences which has characterized his administrations, as a servant of God raised up by the Almighty to lead His people in the latter days. May his time on earth be prolonged to the full limit, and his family and posterity be known among the great and good and wise for ever!—*Deseret News.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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THIRD DAY.

Sunday, April 7th, 10 a.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder Joseph E. Taylor. Singing.

The General Authorities were presented for the votes of the general assembly, by President Joseph F. Smith, as follows:

Lorenzo Snow, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George Q. Cannon as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Joseph F. Smith as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

As members of the council of Twelve Apostles: Brigham Young, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson and Reed Smoot.

The Counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

As Patriarch to the Church, John Smith.

As the First Seven Presidents of Seventies: Seymour B. Young, Christian D. Fjeldsted, Brigham Henry Roberts, George Reynolds, Jonathan G. Kimball, Rulon S. Wells and Joseph W. McMurrin.

William B. Preston as presiding Bishop, with Robert T. Burton and John R. Winder as his First and Second Counselors.

Anthon H. Lund as Church Historian and General Church Recorder.

As trustee-in-trust for the body of religious worshipers known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Lorenzo Snow.

As members of the General Church Board of Education, Lorenzo Snow, George Q. Cannon, Willard Young, Anthon H. Lund, James Sharp, Joseph F. Smith, John Nicholson and George H. Brimhall.

John Nicholson as Clerk of the General Conference. All the voting was unanimously affirmative.

ELDER FRANCIS M. LYMAN,

of the Quorum of Apostles, was the first speaker. It was an inspiring sight, he said, to look upon the faces of ten thousand people, nearly all of whom were of one faith. This is the work of God, and can be promoted only by inspiration from heaven. The natural man cannot comprehend this work. But to the humble, endowed with the Holy Spirit it is natural and easily understood. Yet, before the Gospel can be of any value to us, it is necessary that it be applied in our daily lives. To the Saints, the work of the Lord presents itself in another and different manner from that which it assumes to those not of our faith. But this difference will not exist for us if we become backsliders. He desired to emphasize what another speaker had said, to the effect that when we do anything, we should be in earnest, we should have always present with us, the thought that we are here to win an exaltation in the kingdom of God, Our lives should be so ordered that we may always have the Holy Spirit with us. Then we shall see eye to eye, then we shall understand the principles of the Gospel alike.

It is necessary for the Saints to pray. Those who do not pray lack oil in their lamps. Those who do not adhere to the teachings of God's servants; those who do not pay their obligations to the Lord; those who do not love others as themselves, show the existence of a deficiency of this oil.

He said that we should repent. In trouble we do this, going to the Lord; but we should do this all the time. Those who are sick go to the Lord and obtain blessings from Him. The deaf, the halt, the blind, the sick, remember the Lord. Those who can see, hear, and work, the vigorous, the healthy—those do not think as they should of the Lord; and yet all these ought to look to Him and be the more grateful for these inestimable blessings. It is right for the sick to be annointed and blessed by the Elders of the Church, and it is right for all who need His aid to go to Him. This pleases God and makes us love Him more. It is a delightful thing to be grateful to Him for what we receive. We are the offspring of God. He is our Father. This is a wonderful thing. We have been reserved to come forth in this age. In our age the Lord made Himself known. God gave the world a witness of His existence. The Father and His Son appeared to the Prophet Joseph, and we enjoy the fruits of this manifestation. These all are blessings, the value of which we cannot calculate. In these things we are blessed above many generations of the past.

The great men of the world do not understand many things which are perfectly simple to an ordinary Latter-day Saint. This is because the latter have the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This is a great privilege. It is our right to increase this knowledge. We may increase it until we become as God is. We are here for the purpose of learning and applying the principles of truth. In many respects we are a peculiar people, and we should not seek to lessen our peculiarities. Satan uses many means to overcome the work of the Lord. "Have you ever been taught," he asked, "by the Elders of the Church to do evil, or have you not rather been taught to do

right? Have you not been taught those things which are published to the world?" This people would not tolerate dishonesty and wrong teaching in their leaders. On the other hand, the thief, the liar, the evil man is dealt with by the Church. We seek only to increase goodness in the people. Each man is responsible for his own sins. This is a faith that moves to reformation of life.

The leaders of the Church have ever sought to establish truth in the earth, and some of them have been martyrs to this truth. President Snow, he said, is a worthy successor of the other Presidents, and he shall live to see this people free. Each of the Church leaders has had his own peculiar work to perform, and has been abundantly qualified of the Lord to do their work.

It is too late, he said, for us now to turn back. We have not a moment to spare in serving the Lord. He prayed that many of the Saints would live to see the consummation of the Lord's work.

ELDER EDWARD H. SNOW,

President of the Eastern States Mission, was the next speaker. He had been pleased, during the progress of this Conference, to think upon the great truths that had been enunciated here. These truths are permeating the systems of the world, and finding an abiding place in them. The world is beginning to learn that we are not a slavish, ignorant people, and they are beginning to respect us accordingly. The Saints should endeavor to live by these truths. They should be living exponents of them. The Elders while on missions are as lights on a hill, but when they return they sometimes get lost in the crowd of people. The local officers should see to it that they are kept in the harness at home, and thus perpetuate their usefulness.

ELDER LOUIS A. KELSCH,

late President of the Northern States Mission, spoke to the Saints for a short time. He felt grateful to the Lord for a knowledge of the Gospel. He could testify, from certain knowledge, that the work known as "Mormonism" is of God and not of man. The Northern States Mission was in a prosperous condition. He was proud that he had been called to Japan. He was by no means tired of working. He believed in the servants of the Lord who were on the earth to-day as much as he believed in those that lived in the days of Jesus. He concluded by bearing testimony to the divinity of the work of God in the latter days.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Heber J. Grant.

[TO BE CONTINUED].

IRISH CONFERENCE.

THE Semi-annual meetings of the Irish Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, convened in the Whitehall Buildings, Ann Street, Belfast, May 12, 1901. President Baker presided.

There were present: Presidents Platte D. Lyman and H. W. Naisbitt of the European Mission; Sisters Lydia D. Alder, her daughter May, and Alice Farnsworth of the London Conference; also all the Traveling Elders and a very good attendance of Saints and strangers.

10:30 a.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder John O. Freckleton. Singing.

President W. B. Baker made a few appropriate remarks, and extended a hearty welcome to all present.

Sister Lydia D. Alder spoke on the restoration of the Gospel in its fulness, and bore a faithful testimony to the divine calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder W. F. Murphy explained the necessity of obtaining a testimony of Christ and the Gospel taught by Him.

The statistical report for the six months ending April 30, 1901, was then read: Branches, 2. Missionaries from Zion—High Priests, 1; Seventies, 5. Local Priesthood—Elders, 3; Priests, 8; Teachers, 1; Deacons, 1; members, 132; children under eight years of age, 21; total number of souls, 166. Tracts distributed—from door to door, 13,277; in open air meetings or otherwise, 1,945. Books distributed—sold, 14; loaned, 167; given away, 49. Strangers' houses visited—with first tract only, 3,737; by first invitation, 78; by re-invitation, 182. Gospel conversations, 773. Meetings held—hall, 58; cottage, 22; out-door, 1; Sunday school sessions, 25; Priesthood, 3. Baptisms, 16. Confirmations, 16. Ordinations, 4. Children blessed, 4. Died—over eight years of age, 2; under eight years of age, 1. New subscribers for the STAR, 4.

President Lyman briefly explained the object and necessity of sustaining the authorities of the Church.

The general authorities of the Church and the Presidency of the European Mission were presented and unanimously sustained. Elder Wm. B. Baker was sustained as President, and Elder George A. Dixon as Clerk of the Irish Conference, and John O. Freckleton, Daniel S. Price, W. F. Murphy, A. M. Faddies and Geo. A. Dixon as Traveling Elders.

Singing. Benediction by President H. W. Naisbitt.

2:30 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder A. M. Faddies.

Elders Daniel S. Price, Geo. A. Dixon and John O. Freckleton spoke on the Gospel and the principles and ordinances that it comprises; also bore testimonies to the divinity of the work that is being promulgated by the Latter-day Saints.

President Lyman occupied the remaining time, and discoursed on Preexistence, earthly existence, the future existence of man and the vicarious work performed for the dead.

Singing. Benediction by President Baker.

6:30 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Geo. A. Dixon. Singing.

Elder A. M. Faddies and Sister Alice Farnsworth bore their testimonies to the restoration of the Gospel.

President Naisbitt, the concluding speaker, gave an interesting discourse on the characteristics of the Gospel of Christ, when administered by those who are divinely commissioned.

Singing. Benediction by President Lyman.

A Priesthood meeting was held May 14, 1901, at the Conference house. The Elders reported their labors and received instructions from Presidents Lyman and Naisbitt.

GEO. A. DIXON, Clerk of Conference.

Ian Maclaren, on "The Defects of Respectable Religion," incidentally remarked, lately, that if we excepted the Roman Church, with her large mass of poor and ignorant people, the Salvation Army, the extreme wing of the Methodists, and such like bodies of enthusiasts, the practical control of the Christian Church in England lay with the middle class. That class was the backbone of the religious and social life of the Commonwealth; but was it not possible that with all their virtues they might have the defects of their qualities? When such great problems as the cleavage between the working people and the Church arose, were they not occasionally haunted by a suspicion that the Church and the common people were isolated, and was it not that the class he referred to was responsible for that isolation? Speaking as a poor middle-class man, he took the case of the English artisan—not at all an ungenerous person—and asked whether their Presbyterian Church would convey to the artisan great religious ideas in a way that he could understand. There was a middle-class Church, and he asked them whether they were guiltless of self-righteousness and self-complacency. He feared the age was cursed with a spirit of ecclesiasticism. He meant by that the spirit which attached more importance to dogma than to truth, to rolls of members rather than the reclamation of souls, the spirit which was more anxious to sweep people into the churches than to convince them that the Church was Christ the crucified, who had been the people's friend. The Church would never fulfil her great mission of evangelisation until she added to all her excellent gifts that chief one which could only come from the hand of the Lord—a self-sacrificing compassion.

What Men Are Made Of.—A notable object of interest is described as among the contents of the National Museum, Washington, showing the ingredients which go to make up the average man, weighing 154 pounds. A large glass jar, states *Health*, holds the ninety-six pounds of water which his body contains, while in other receptacles are three pounds of "white of egg," a little less than ten pounds of pure glue, thirty-four and one-half pounds of fat, eight and one-fourth pounds of phosphate of lime, one pound of carbonate of lime, three ounces of sugar and starch, seven ounces of fluoride of calcium, six ounces of phosphate of magnesia, and a little ordinary table salt.

The same man is found to contain ninety-seven pounds of oxygen, fifteen pounds of hydrogen, three pounds and thirteen ounces of nitrogen, and the carbon in such an individual is represented by a foot cube of coal. A row of bottles contain the other elements going to make up the man; these being four ounces of chlorine, three and one-half ounces of fluorine, eight ounces of phosphorus, three and one-half ounces of brimstone, two and one-half ounces each of sodium and potassium, one-tenth of an ounce of iron, two ounces of magnesium, three pounds and three ounces of calcium.

The Jews are getting into Palestine in spite of every obstacle put in their way. They are now said to number nearly half the population of Palestine—i.e., about 100,000. They either speak German, French or English, besides colloquials.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1901.

THE COMING PRESIDENT.

It has been known to us for some time, and it is pretty generally known throughout the Conferences, that Apostle Francis M. Lyman was appointed to the Presidency of the European Mission. The Star, however, has not mentioned it, believing that it would be officially announced and come in with the General Conference. This delay, and the unexpected death of President Cannon, seemed to throw an air of possible change around the situation; but the former having passed, and the death and funeral of the late great Apostle and Counselor having taken place, there need be no further hesitancy, and in the *News* of late date we have the assurance that he, with his wife, are already at sea, so that before this issue reaches the Saints we hope to have the pleasure of meeting with both our new President and his accompanying wife, and perchance other aids and missionaries. One thing is more than sure, Apostle Lyman will meet with a very warm welcome everywhere, for the knowledge of his works and untiring devotion and labor have long preceded him, and he will reach a field here also in which his energies and faith will find "ample room and verge enough," if his health and opportunities are equal to each other.

Sister Lyman will also have the same hearty welcome, and wonderful openings for the exercise of all her ambitions and powers in a pleasant missionary field. Ere our next issue both will be with us at "42," where a royal welcome is in store for them.

Farewell!—On Wednesday, April 24th, Apostle F. M. Lyman and his wife will start from Salt Lake City for Liverpool, England, where Elder Lyman is to take charge of the European Mission, to succeed his brother, Platte D. Lyman, who has presided there successfully for some time. This is not the first visit of Brother F. M. Lyman to England. He labored there as a missionary many years ago. He is well suited and thoroughly equipped for the work. He is in fine physical condition; has gained valuable experience in visiting and setting in order the different Stakes of Zion; is thoroughly familiar with Church business; is a very forcible and lucid preacher, and is fully imbued with the spirit of his office and of his present calling. The British and other missions in Europe will be greatly benefited by the presence and teachings of this Apostle, and the Elders laboring therein will be encouraged and strengthened in their ministry. We wish Brother and Sister Lyman a pleasant voyage, a profitable time in the old world, and a safe return to friends and family in Zion.—*Deseret News.*

OWING to an unusual pressure upon the columns of the STAR, our notice of President Snow's past anniversay has been pushed out of line, and while we regret this as being apparently untimely, our wishes, faith and prayers have been manifold and continuous for his physical, mental and spiritual vigor, and for the long continuance of his wonderful life. In this all the Elders and Saints in this Mission (and we feel we can speak for them) will heartily and reverently join continuously, or so long as the Lord wills, and his faithful servant wills it, for himself, his family and the Church.

WE are in unbounded sympathy with the prospective mission to Japan, and we have faith in God and Apostle Heber J. Grant that the foundation of a great work as one of "the signs of the times" in this century of prophecy and promise, will be fully established. The Lord has said, "Bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth," and that includes the Orient as well as the Occident, the north as well as the south, the east as well as the west. No hand can curtail the progress of this "strange work," no human power abridge its destiny, nor can any nation close its doors against the thunders of God's message, or defer beyond the appointed time the outburst or growth of liberty, intelligence and truth. The brethren who are to be associated with President Grant are to be congratulated on the opportunity as well as the association. The songs of Zion may be strange and barbaric to the ears of the Japanese, but "these singers will win their way and their welcome" by the invincible power of divine purpose and the elevating words and music of an inspiration which shall eventually conquer and cover the earth.

Great interest, great anticipation and great faith will sustain this trio of God-gifted men, until the demand for more shall echo amid the mountain peaks and amid the valleys of Utah, or until the old Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," shall be repeated and satisfied again and again.

OUR friend and brother, Col. R. M. Bryce Thomas, of London, sailed on the s.s. *New England*, May 9th, on a visit of some months to Utah. Brother Thomas is the author of "My Reasons," which is so much read and appreciated by enquirers. We wish him a pleasant visit and a safe return to his family in this land.

JAMES D. MURDOCK, his wife and Sister Thackeray bade us good-bye as they left for London and the Continent, expecting on return to visit "Bonnie Scotland," and of course the Glasgow Exposition, Edinburgh, the Trossachs, Stirling and the "haunts of Burns." A grand program, and a favorable season for it all.

BISHOP EGAN left us on the 10th for Dublin and other Irish cities, *via* Holyhead. After doing some English places and expecting to reach Scotland he will return to Zion in the coming month, if all goes well, and the Bishop lets no grass grow under his feet.

SISTER TAYLOR of Carlisle, ran down to Liverpool to see Sister Skelton

off for Utah to her son, Professor Skelton, and her daughter, both in Salt Lake City. Sister Taylor, along with several others, called at famous "42."

CONGRATULATIONS.—Elder D. C. Kimball and wife, of the Liverpool Conference, as missionaries from Zion, are overjoyed at the arrival of a to-be young lady, and the news had to be telegraphed home, of course. Who could resist it, being the first? She will be a "daisy," no doubt, as the violets are all gone by.

ANOTHER.—Where? Why, in Nottingham, on April 13th, to Brother James and Sister Annie Wells, "a son." We hope he will be a valiant missionary some day, and a good son from the start.

THERE will be special meetings in Bradford on Sunday, May 26th, at which the new President, Apostle F. M. Lyman, and the retiring President, Platte D. Lyman, will be present. No doubt several other Conferences will be represented on that occasion, as Bradford is quite a favorable centre, and a fine hall can be had. This will be a red-letter day for Bradford, at all events, and it will be highly appreciated, too.

THE Bristol Conference Meetings will be held in Cheltenham this season. They are anticipating the visit of an Apostle by their invitation card which is before us and much appreciated, as is also the Liverpool; both are creditable, the former being bright in color and good as to its mottoes.

To suit the convenience of the Birmingham President, Elders and Saints, their Conference has been postponed to the 23rd June.

CLERKS of Conferences would confer a favor by sending in reports of their conferences for publication as soon as possible after the close.

RELEASES.—The following have been honorably released to return home on the s.s. *Commonwealth*, sailing from Liverpool on May 23rd inst.: Elder Joseph H. Haslam of the Manchester, Elder James G. Smith of the Leeds and Elder D. H. Robinson of the Birmingham Conferences respectively.

President Seth Pixton of the Norwich Conference is honorably released to return home at his pleasure after the first of June.

APPOINTMENT.—Elder Joseph Lindsay of the Liverpool Conference is appointed to preside over the Norwich Conference.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

PRESIDENT JAMES L. MCMURRIN writes this time to President Lyman as anticipated, from Copenhagen, April 27th:

"I have an hour to spare before taking train for Gothenburg, and I hasten to write you again in relation to my work. I arrived here on the 24th, and met Presidents Fjeldsted, Skanchy and Peterson at the Mission

office, and to say that I was highly pleased to see them is a very mild way of expressing the pleasure I felt in having the opportunity of shaking hands with these worthy servants of the Lord. These brethren, (excepting Brother Peterson) Sister Booth and myself, leave to-day for Sweden. The first Conference that follows our arrival in Scandinavia occurs to-morrow at Gothenburg.

"We wound up our labors in Germany on Sunday the 21st, at Hamburg, and I am happy to inform you that it was a most gratifying termination to our experience in the German Mission. Hamburg is another place where the missionaries are not allowed to tract or hold meetings, but nevertheless an excellent Conference was held, and there was a good attendance at the meetings, notwithstanding the fact that the police headquarters were just across the street. There is a fine Sunday school there, with an average attendance of over one hundred members, and the Saints work faithfully to secure openings for the Elders to present the Gospel, so that while the missionaries have no liberty in regard to these matters, they find other ways of working, and much good is being accomplished. Indeed, it will keep the brethren who are laboring in places where perfect liberty is enjoyed very busy to make as good a showing as can be presented at Hamburg.

"On Sunday morning the following telegram came to the Conference from our new branch at Temesvar, Hungary, 'Hergliche grusse von Temesvar gemeinde,' 'Hearty greetings from the Saints in Temesvar.' We replied to them in these words, 'Your message received with joy, we return your loving greetings.' One of the members of that branch was present at Hamburg, and if they are all after his stamp they will prove to be valuable acquisitions to the Church.

"We had a fine Priesthood meeting on Monday, both in the morning and afternoon, some good reports being presented. The most interesting one was from E der Datwyler. He has labored in this Conference, or at least in the German Mission, for twenty-eight months, and during that time he has received only eighteen dollars from home. He loaned ten of them to some friend and never got them back. He has labored practically without purse or scrip, and never lacked for a place to sleep in or food to eat, and that, too, in a country where he was forbidden to tract or preach. I have met a number of the brethren who have branched out along this same line, and they all bear the same testimony, viz., that the Lord has been with them, that their wants have been supplied, and that it has been the happiest and most interesting time of their mission.

"On one of Brother Datwyler's trips without money, he and his companion found a purse in a post office where they were doing some writing. They did not notice it until they were ready to go, and there it was on the table before them. They examined it and found that it contained thirty marks. Thinking that the owner would return for it, they waited a short time, but no one came, so they took it with them. They never heard anything about the owner afterwards, or how it came to be there.

"You will remember how Brother Spiers wrote you when it was proposed to release him to return home on account of some law suit. He still

has the same spirit. He has been twenty-eight months in the field, but he is not ready to go home yet. I read a letter from him to President Schulthess the other day, in which he stated that it had been suggested to him that he would soon be released to go home, but he was not ready to return yet, and he hoped the release would not come for some time. It is very gratifying to find the missionaries in possession of this spirit.

"Up to the close of the Hamburg Conference I had been away from Liverpool 54 days, and held 56 meetings. I have been highly pleased in witnessing the devotion of the Elders where I have traveled, and to see the rapid strides that have been made, and the vast improvement generally over last year. All our meetings were well attended, and a rich degree of the Holy Spirit was enjoyed.

"Good word has reached us from the new Conference at Köenigsberg. Since we were there sixteen new members have been added to the fold in the two cities where we held meetings, seven of these being in Danzig, a city only opened in the middle of January last."

SISTER BOOTH adds, in her interesting way, from Copenhagen, April 27, to what President McMurrin has already written:

"I have had a most enjoyable trip, everything, even to the weather has been favorable, as we have hardly had one disagreeable day. At most of the meetings we have had a splendid time. I find it pretty hard to speak through an interpreter, and when I get back where I can speak in English I am going to try not to grumble any more. I have learned so many good things from these missions that I am almost sorry I am not beginning my mission instead of closing it. People never know just where they stand until they have a chance of comparing with others, and I can see many places where I might have improved if I had only known what I know now. The Sunday schools in Germany are splendid, the children were so attentive and well-behaved; they also showed an interest that is uncommon among children. Most all of the missionaries are very enthusiastic, and have a fine spirit. I am very thankful to have had this privilege of seeing the world, and I hope to conduct myself in such a way that the Saints and missionaries will feel that at least it was alright for me to come."

LYMAN AND GRANT RECEPTION.

THE farewell reception and banquet given in honor of Apostles Francis M. Lyman and Heber J. Grant, at the Latter-day Saints' college, on April 22nd inst., was an unreserved outpouring of personal regard and hearty good wishes. The reception was given by the officers and boards of the four institutions with which the two Apostles are jointly connected, viz.: Z. C. M. I., the Co-operative Wagon and Machine Company, Zion's Savings Bank and Trust Company, and the Home Fire Insurance Company of Utah. The arrangements for the banquet and the program were in the hands of a committee representing all four institutions. That they were complete and thoroughly finished goes without saying when it is known that the

committee was made up of Col. T. G. Webber, Henry Dinwoodey, George T. Odell, C. S. Burton, John C. Cooper and H. G. Whitney. On one of the blackboards of the college was beautifully written, by Professor Jensen, the words "God speed Apostles Lyman and Grant," and before the evening was over it was evident that the same sentiment was inscribed on the hearts of all those who were present. If Apostle Lyman in Great Britain and Apostle Heber J. Grant in Japan can find any comfort or strength in the consciousness of having the love and faith of those who have been associated with them in business, then the recollection of April 22nd will prove one source from whence they can draw courage and strength.

Every feature connected with the affair was eminently pleasing with but one exception, and that was the absence of President Snow, who felt that he had not the strength to attend. There were nearly one hundred guests present, and the preparations for the occasion were thoroughly ample and artistic. In the spacious bookkeeping room down-stairs the tables were arranged in the form of the letter "T," and were not only loaded with the choicest food, but were adorned with numerous big clusters of American-beauty roses, carnations and violets, and throughout the room tall, graceful palms were tastefully arranged, all greatly enhancing the beauty of the scene. Under the blaze of electric lights, the banquet hall presented a picture of rare brilliance; the decorations were in charge of Mr. Victor Morris, aided by a number of the college girls, who met each gentleman guest at the threshold and pinned a carnation in his buttonhole.

President Joseph F. Smith acted as master of ceremonies, and presided in that capacity most happily, introducing each speaker or performer in a way that never failed to bring applause. He occupied a chair at the head of the table; on his left were seated the guests of the evening, Apostles Lyman and Grant; Governor Wells sat directly opposite President Smith, at the other head of the table, and along both sides were seated the officers of the four institutions already named, with members of the quorum of Twelve and ladies.

The company sat down to the banquet near 8 o'clock, Apostle Young offering prayer, and for nearly two hours the rich feast, admirably prepared under the direction of Mrs. Walden, was appreciatively discussed.

During the progress, Christensen's quartette orchestra kept the air filled with delightful music, interspersed with the animated conversation of the guests; some of the musical selections of the quartette were heartily applauded.

As soon as the company had disposed of the repast, President Smith arose and stated the object of the gathering in a few introductory remarks. He expressed high confidence in, and love for Apostles Lyman and Grant, and alluded in a special manner to the mission to Japan about to be undertaken by the latter.

He said that it was impossible to say how far God would enable Elder Grant to progress with the work, or what success would attend his efforts. But one thing was known, and that was that Apostle Grant's fortitude and energy would not permit a single stone to be left unturned to accomplish the task which God had set for him to fulfil. President Smith then

spoke of the prominent part the two Apostles had taken in the commercial upbuilding of Utah, and paid a tribute to the four institutions with which both Apostles were connected. He regretted that President Snow was unable to be present, and concluded by wishing, in behalf of the First Presidency, a safe and prosperous journey for Apostles Lyman and Grant, and a safe return, with victory perched upon their banners.

President Snow was on the program for a brief address, but having sent word that he felt that he was not strong enough to attend the reception, Apostle A. H. Lund was invited to speak in his place. He responded in a feeling manner, echoing the hope of President Smith, that both of the Apostles would meet with great success. He knew that both men were well qualified for the missions that they were about to undertake.

Apostle Brigham Young delivered a brief address, in which he spoke fluently of the abilities of Apostles Lyman and Grant. He felt that they were undertaking most important missions, but felt that they were equal to the occasion. One, he said, goes to Great Britain, where the Gospel has been preached for many years, the other goes to Japan, where the people know naught of the Redeemer, but he was confident that they would both use their energies in furthering the cause of the Lord. The speaker concluded by expressing the feeling that if Elder Heber J. Grant could establish a footing for the Gospel among the little dark people, he will be honored by a whole nation, for they know nothing of the truth. He will be pointed to as the father of their enlightenment, and possessing that fortitude, faith, energy and stability that has made him successful at home, he felt no doubt that he will be equally successful in the work abroad.

Apostle John Henry Smith followed, introducing his remarks by humorously relating the experiences that he and Apostle Lyman had once had on an ocean voyage. The latter at that time endured all the pains of sea-sickness, and he condoled with him in having to try it again, but trusted that he would not suffer a like experience. He referred facetiously to the trial both Apostles were undergoing this evening, and said he hoped that all of their future sacrifices abroad would be found no less severe than the one they were now suffering, with all the good things in the world spread before them.

Apostles Smith's concluding words were an eloquent and loving tribute to his fellow Apostles; he eulogized their abilities, their faithfulness, and the work that they had been set apart to do.

Apostle Lyman responded in his quiet, earnest, fatherly manner. He thanked those present for the tokens of esteem they had showered at his feet. He paid a warm compliment to the men before him who governed the four financial institutions, and paid a special tribute to Manager Geo. T. Odell, whom he said he met as a boy in London years ago. Referring to the praises given himself and Elder Grant, he said he felt they did not deserve them. If he and Apostle Grant had been successful, it was God's mercy that was accountable, and not themselves. He said there were not two weaker men in the Council of the Twelve than Heber J. Grant and F. M. Lyman. "But," he said, in concluding, "we just move along, doing what we think is right, answering what calls are made on us, and somehow

we stand about on a level with our brethren. We would all fail if it were not for our trust in God. We are going out now, and we are going to be eminently successful, placing our trust in the Lord. We will conquer by faith, good works, humility and prayer."

Apostle Heber J. Grant then spoke for a few moments in his usual earnest and energetic manner. He recited the early history of Z. C. M. I., when he had bought and sold its stock at 50 cents on the dollar; of the Co-operative Wagon and Machine Company, which started with a capital $10,000, and now had one of $300,000, with $100,000 dollars surplus; also of the growth of the Home Fire Insurance Company, which began with $100,000 capital, and to-day had $250,000, and which had lived to see twenty-five or thirty other western insurance companies go under. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him on looking around the room to see the men who had stood by the four institutions in the past, and whose abilities had given them the success they had obtained. It gave him special pleasure, he said, to reflect that the men before him had given about one-third of the $30,000 raised to build the college in which the banquet was being held, and he referred specially to Bishop Romney and the late President Cannon's donation of $2,000 each.

He said that he would go to Japan with a love for the Japanese people. There had been many reports spread abroad concerning them. They had been called immoral and maligned generally, but he regarded those stories much the same as he did the falsehoods that were spread abroad concerning the Latter-day Saints. The Japanese are a great people, said he, and their reputation, the same as that of the Saints, may be bad, but their character, like that of the Saints, he believed to be good. He said they were sturdy and strong. "If you will remember they marched into the city of Pekin ahead of the troops of all other nations. They possess courage, they are intelligent," he said, "and with the help of God I shall perform the mission among them I have been appointed to perform."

President Smith made a few closing remarks, thanking the committees for the able manner in which they had managed the affair, announcing that the ladies present were invited to help themselves to the American-beauty roses. The benediction was then pronounced by Apostle George Teasdale, and the reception ended with the company standing and singing, "Auld Lang Syne."

The speeches of the evening were interspersed by some excellent musical numbers, consisting of a solo, "O, Happy Day," by George D. Pyper; "The Kiss Waltz," by Mrs. Lizzie Thomas-Edward; "A Lullaby," by Miss Arvilla Clark, and "My Gypsy Sweetheart," by Horace Ensign, the chorus being sung by Miss Clark, Mrs. Edward, Mr. Pyper and Mr. Whitney.

Mr. Arthur Shepherd acted as accompanist of the evening, and acquitted himself in his well-known artistic fashion. At the conclusion of the repast such of the guests as did not have to catch the street cars, adjourned to the assembly hall upstairs and listened to a brief program arranged by Prof. Paul. Those taking part were Mr. Skelton, the violinist, who played a solo in excellent style; Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Edward, Miss Clark, Mr. Ensign and Apostle Grant, who, by request, sang "The Holy City."

Apostle Lyman will leave for England on April 24, in company with his wife. Apostle Grant will not leave until some time in June.—*Deseret News.*

THE national drink bill of the United Kingdom for 1900—a bill not merely contracted, but discharged—amounted to £160,891,718. The sum was a million and a quarter less (£1,271,756) than the corresponding expenditure in 1899. British spirits, it is pointed out, were responsible for £37,125,241, foreign and colonial spirits £10,566,944, beer £97,407,471, wine £14,292,062, and British wines, cider, etc., £1,500,000. The total drink expenditure of £160,891,718 was equal to an expenditure per head of £3 18s. 8d., or £19 14s. 4d. for every family of five persons.

But the expenditure was not proportionally equal in each of the three kingdoms, England being responsible for a consumption of £133,500,000, or £4 3s. 2d. per head; while in Scotland and Ireland the aggregate was fourteen and thirteen millions sterling respectively, and the amount per head £3 6s. 4d. and £2 18s. respectively.

A MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE.

I know a vale far up among the hills,
In the high north, through which a river glides,
For ever fed by fifty gurgling rills
That lace with silver threads the mountain sides,
But roar in torrents when the storms are high.
There in deep cloughs the plumy ferns are growing,
And rocks grotesque are nodding to the sky,
While o'er the lanes the freshest winds are blowing.
I know a cottage in that valley green,
Snug—nestling there beneath a hanging wood;
And from that cot the towering hills are seen,
And oft you hear the tumbling of the flood,
In winter storms when every mountain glyll
Raiseth his voice and roareth with a will.

By a Kersall Moor (Gardener) Poet.

DIED.

BAKER.—In Dublin, May 13th, Frederick J. A., son of Frederick and Whilhemina Speidel Baker. Born May 3rd.

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